

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

In re:

Case No. 09-45029

WISSAM ALI AHMAD,

Chapter 7

Debtor.

Judge Thomas J. Tucker

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**ORDER DISMISSING CASE**

On February 24, 2009, Debtor filed a voluntary petition for relief under Chapter 7. On March 10, 2009, Debtor filed a “Certificate of Counseling” (Docket # 10),<sup>1</sup> which states that on March 9, 2009, Debtor received “an individual [or group] briefing that complied with the provisions of 11 U.S.C. §§ 109(h) and 111.”

Debtor is not eligible to be a debtor in this case under 11 U.S.C. § 109(h)(1). That provision provides in relevant part, that

an individual may not be a debtor under this title unless such individual has, during the 180-day period preceding the date of filing the petition by such individual, received from an approved nonprofit budget and credit counseling agency described in section 111(a) an individual or group briefing (including a briefing conducted by telephone or on the Internet) that outlined the opportunities for available credit counseling and assisted such individual in performing a related budget analysis.

Debtor only received credit counseling *after* his petition was filed. With exceptions not applicable here, 11 U.S.C. § 109(h)(1) requires a debtor to obtain credit counseling *before* filing a bankruptcy petition.

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<sup>1</sup> The docket erroneously indicates that Docket # 10 is a “Seventh Certification of Completion of Financial Management Course.” However, the document filed at Docket # 10 is a “Certificate of Counseling.” And there is no Certificate of Counseling filed at Docket # 3, even though the docket entry indicates that one is attached.

Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that this case is DISMISSED.

**Signed on March 13, 2009**

/s/ Thomas J. Tucker  
**Thomas J. Tucker**  
**United States Bankruptcy Judge**